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## KANSAS NEWS.

Emporia puts \$56,000 in new buildings during the year just closed, while Newton built 26 public and business houses at a cost of \$179,000; El Dorado about \$305,000 in buildings the same year.—*El Dorado Republican*. Very gratifying showing, and the same might be just as truthfully said of a dozen other rapidly growing cities of which we name Winfield, Wellington, Arkansas City, Caldwell, Kiowa, Anthony, Medicine Lodge, Kingman, Hutchinson, Great Bend, Larned, Dodge City, Garden City, McPherson and others, but Wichita put over two millions of money into new buildings in 1886.—*Wichita Eagle*.

The Santa Fe has obtained right of way for a double track from Kansas City to Topeka, says the *Journal*. We notice that the Santa Fe's total earnings for the year ending June, 1886, were \$13,142,695. We also notice that the stock is quoted at almost par. The financial history of the Santa Fe can scarcely be paralleled. Its fiscal report shows up the resources of Kansas, for Kansas has made the road. It (the road) laid the foundation of its great financial success when it had southern Kansas all to itself.—*Wichita Beacon*.

The Emporia *Republican* says it is currently rumored that the fair grounds have been purchased in the interest of the stock yards project, and on inquiry it was found to be a fact that a transfer had been made within the last twenty-four hours, the consideration being \$6,000.

JOHN F. BLACKBURN, editor of the *Hutchinson Democrat*, was nominated for postmaster at that place, by the president last Friday, vice R. M. Easley. It will now be in order for Col. Blackburn to tell how Easley it was done.

The Arkansas City *Traveler* complains of the high time the "jointists" and sporting men and women of that city have at the expense of decent people. The city officers, for "revenue only" permit the saloons and gambling dives to exist.

The Price raid claimants, with their small army of attorneys, strikers and friends, are holding secret meetings in several parts of the State, and perfecting their plans for reducing the surplus in the Kansas State treasury.

I verily believe that the only way to find a better country than Kansas is to die and go to heaven, where alone you will find former Kansans who are not trying to get back to the state.—*Ex-Governor Green*.

It is asserted that the greater part of the editorial work on the *Abilene Gazette* is still done by Dr. Krohn, of Atchison. This is, however, denied by those who are supposed to know. The *Republican* says: It will also be observed that we are to have a wholesale furniture manufactory in El Dorado. All these things go to make up a city.

They were twenty cases in the Leavenworth police court on last Saturday. On the same day there was not a single case in the Topeka police court.

Sumner county has a new directory that is said to be very fine. It gives the names of all persons who get their mail at different postoffices in the county.

The Winfield papers have announced Judge Soward of that city as a candidate for the honor of Department Commander of the G. A. R. of Kansas.

The Quenemo people are figuring to have a national bank. Correspondence is pending between the citizens and a Boston firm on the subject.

Topeka's Board of Trade has passed resolution protesting against the "long and short haul" of the inter-state commerce bill pending in Congress.

It is said that there is a defect in government title to the ground upon which is built the National Indian school at Lawrence, Kas.

Four line men were recently arrested at Topeka for stealing electric wire. The wires were evidently not charged when appropriated.

The bank clearings and real estate transfers for the past week at Wichita aggregated nearly one and a quarter million dollars.

Labette county's bonded indebtedness is only \$25,900. It is seldom a Kansas county can brag on how little it owes.

The D., M. and A. has submitted to Caldwell a proposition to build a line down from Winfield to that point.

A Southern Kansas paper says: Harper, Kas., has eleven drug stores, nine of which run a bar in the rear.

The Johnson City Town company has ordered 20,000 forest trees, which they will set out on the town site.

Mail service will be put on the C. K. & W. railroad between Great Bend and this place on the 17th of January, when the Rush Center office, instead of LaCrosse as heretofore, will be the distributing office for Rush county and points west. The Hays and Larned routes will be cut down to three trips a week, and will leave this office; the Great Bend route will be discontinued. There is no change in the Ness City route except that it will leave this place and return. This change brings Walnut City twenty-four hours nearer to Missouri river points than before.—*Walnut City Gazette*.

A charter was filed yesterday in the secretary of state's office for the Chicago, Fort Scott & Texas Railroad company. The purpose of the company is to construct and operate a standard gauge road from Chicago to Fort Scott entering the state of Kansas in Bourbon county, and running from Fort Scott to the Indian territory, through the counties of Bourbon, Allen, Neosho, Wilson, Elk, Cowley, Sumner, Harper, Barber and through the Indian territory, territory of New Mexico and Texas to the city of El Paso. Capital Stock \$27,000,000.

One night last week, at Mulvane, nineteen mules were killed by the burning of a tent. A careless hand had left a lantern burning on the floor, which was upset by the wind and broken. The tent was soon in flames, and the mules were so badly burned about their heads that they were all shot.

The objection made by the Topeka papers to the "special train" enterprise is, that newspapers sent by "special" will reach their destination, while the newspapers trusted to the regular postal trains will be "carried by" as usual.

The Atchison *Globe* says: The erection of a \$90,000 bank building and a \$25,000 library building, together with the paving of Commercial street in the spring, will help the Atchison boom.

The D., M. & A. railroad was completed to the west line of Chautauque county Tuesday night, December 28, and the bonds earned. The time would have expired January 1.

There is talk of moving the round house of the A., T. & S. F. railroad from Nickerson. The *Argus* claims that it will take \$300,000 to remove it.

A proposition has been submitted to the Garden City council to light the city with electricity, but as yet the proposition has not been accepted.

The annual meeting of the Sheriff's Co-operative association will convene in Topeka the 25 inst. The meeting will be one of much importance.

The Fort Scott *Monitor* says: More coal has been brought into the city during the past three days than at any other time during the winter.

Parson, Kas., is threatened with a water famine, as the underground springs and streams are all drying up. So says a Springfield paper.

The total bonded indebtedness of Sedgewick county is \$48,500, while the total outstanding obligations of the city of Wichita is \$80,000.

By comparison with the weather in Minnesota, Montana, Iowa and Illinois, the people of Kansas would be excusable for using fans.

The State Temperance Union will hold a meeting on Jan. 19th at Topeka to discuss the proposed changes in the prohibitory law.

Frank Rawson, of Mt. Hope, Kansas was one of the seriously injured parties in the Tiffin, Ohio, collision the other day.

The annual prize contest in essay and oration occurs at the State Normal on Saturday evening at Emporia.

The Atchison paper says: The river presents a busy scene with its surface covered with ice cutters and teams.

The "mother superior" of Concordia is in Winfield, with a view to locating a site for a Catholic academy.

The mail from the Emporia post-office is said to be the best put up on any western mail route.

Some one suggests that Butler and Sedgewick would make a very good judicial district.

The oratorical contest of the Presbyterian college takes place Friday at Emporia.

The houses at Leavenworth claim to have done a good retail business during 1886.

The ice men of Sterling are reaping a harvest. The ice is thick and fine.

A hog was shipped out of Burton a few days ago that weighed 765 pounds.

A good article of brick is made in Clarke county from gypsum.

Coldwater is to have a city park.

It is well known in railroad circles that several lines are preparing to build through Kansas into the southwest, and among the number is one called the Missouri, Kansas & Southern. Mr. L. M. Conkling, of Kingman, Kas., was in Kansas City Wednesday, and in an interview with a *Journal* reporter said: "The proposed road would run from Kansas City to Wichita via Emporia, from Wichita to Kingman, and from that point to the southwestern corner of Kansas, thence through No Man's Land, to Albuquerque. At a point east of Albuquerque a line will run west to El Paso. This line is an independent trunk line and not connected with any other road in the state of Kansas. It will be the shortest line to Emporia, Wichita, and the west, and is the shortest line to El Paso by 200 miles. A lateral branch is contemplated from Atchison to Topeka, and thence to Emporia. The capital stock of the company is \$20,000,000. The New York directors are: General R. A. Elmer, president; Constant A. Andrews, first vice president; W. W. Flanagan, William Brookfield, T. B. Sickles, M. W. Conkling, F. A. Newgent. The Kansas directors are: Hon. A. O. Oliver, M. W. Levy, W. Woodman, John P. Jones, H. H. Graves, E. Wait, W. S. Grosvenor and L. M. Conkling. The latter is both director and second vice president. The charter was filed last October, and the bonds along the line of the road are now being vetted."—*Topeka Democrat*.

The "wire fence man" is a new swindler working the farmers. His modus operandi is thus described. He wants the privilege of exhibiting wire fence stretching machine to farmers in your township on your farm for which privilege he will build you thirty or forty rods of good fence for exhibition and all he asks of you is to board him up after the machine at the nearest depot and pay the charges, not to exceed \$3, for the fence all set up where you want it. In order to have all satisfactory, and as warrant of the farmer's good intentions he requires him to sign a written contract on a postal card, which he mails to his partner, which proves to be an order for the machine, price \$200, worth about \$26. After the machine comes, a new man turns up with the postal order for the machine and requires payment of the \$200 as per agreement on the card he claims to be attorney of the company and threatens to sue in the United States court until he gets the note.

The cost of building the 1,000 miles of railroad completed in Kansas during the past year was increased million of dollars by the enormous duty on steel rails. This additional cost is paid by the farmers of Kansas who are indirectly taxed in the way of freight rates on every car of products carried by these roads, because rates must be sufficient to pay interest and sinking fund on the capital invested in these roads. Yes, but, say the protectionists "the tariff insures to the benefit of the workingman." Not so; the men employed in making steel rails do not get a cent more than when the price of rails was \$28 to \$30 per ton, the price at which it has been demonstrated a small profit can be made.—*Osage Democrat*.

In the five months ending December 23d, last, the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska railroad moved nearly 7,000,000 cubic yards of earth. Over 3,000,000 feet of lumber was used in building bridges. If the piles used were fastened together they would form a pole thirty miles long. They also put down 20,000 cubic yards of masonry, and laid 35,000 tons of iron pipe, weighing 5,000 tons for culverts. The nuts and washers used in building bridges weighed 234,729 pounds. The above record of railroad building has never been surpassed. The number of miles of track laid was 245.

A. J. Harvi, senator from Atchison county, has introduced a bill giving J. F. Tufts \$3,500 for his service in closing the Atchison saloons.

The debt of Atchison amounts to about \$647,000, on which the people are compelled to pay an annual interest of \$31,000.

The Montgomery county *Argus* sold its subscription list and "good will" to the *Star and Kansas*.

There are two Arnolds in the house, one from Pattawatomie and one from Reno.

There is not an acre of government land in Saline county.

The *Telegraph* is the name of a newspaper at Topeka.

El Dorado is laboring for a dressed beef establishment.

The Gardep City Gas company has blown up.

Wellington says it is enjoying a big trade.

## CHOICE SELECTIONS

BRILLIANT AUTHORS.

QUEENSWARE!

"O wad some power the giftie gie us  
To see oursel's as others see us!  
It wad frae many a blunder free us  
And foolish notion;  
What airs in dress an' gait wad lea us  
And ev' a deviation!"

There were four crows sat on the ground—  
Caret colored, brilliant, white and brown;  
Said one old crow unto his mate:  
"Keeney is getting away with the baggage of late!"

Said the old white crow, with solemn mien,  
In the most solemn manner ever was seen:  
"Something must be done, or sure as you're born  
We'll have to eat shocks, instead of corn!"

The wise old crow then croaked his jaw  
And slowly scratching his back with his claw,  
Said, "Surely, something has got to be done—  
For Keeney he is a son of a gun!"  
Then they all looked as wise as wise could be  
And the wise old crow looked the wisest of three.

As he said in a voice solemn and low,  
"We'll go out and compare people to boys, you know."  
Then they all joined in  
A loud refrain—  
For they had, in their minds,  
Downed Keeney again.

"There was a man in our town,  
And he was wondrous wise;  
He jumped into a bramble bush  
And scratched out both his eyes."

Monks.—Don't be a bramble bush.

"Soot thou a man diligent in business,  
He shall stand before kings;  
He shall not stand before mean men."

"But, monks, thou art no thy Jane,  
In proving, foresight may be vain;  
The best laid scheme of mice an' men  
Gang aft agley,  
An' lea's us naught but grief an' pain  
For promised joy."

"He who by the plow would thrive  
Himself must either hold or drive."

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